

HOUSE BILL 1738

By Winningham

AN ACT to name the segment of State Route 61/State Route 62 (Tri-County Boulevard) within the corporate limits of the Town of Oliver Springs in honor of the late Edwin L. "Ed" Kelley, former Mayor of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Edwin L. "Ed" Kelley, who distinguished himself as one of Oliver Spring's finest citizens during his tenures as Town Councilman and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, known as "Ed" to his family and friends, Mr. Kelley was raised in the Oliver Springs area and married an Oliver Springs native, Oma Giles; and

WHEREAS, Ed and Oma Kelley then lived and raised their family in Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, Ed Kelley had a huge loving spot in his heart for children, and he especially enjoyed working with children and young people in sporting activities; and

WHEREAS, he coached and otherwise worked diligently and faithfully in the arena of youth sports in an effort to teach the values of honesty, integrity, and fair play to the children and young people of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked to establish a brighter future for his friends and neighbors in Oliver Springs as a devoted civic leader and proficient elected official; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Kelley began a new career in public service as an Oliver Springs Town Council Member, and in 2001, he began his illustrious tenure as Mayor of the Town of Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, during his term as Mayor, Ed Kelley worked diligently to improve Oliver Spring's water system, sewer system, and the town's general infrastructure in order to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished life, Mayor Kelley used his time wisely and contributed substantial sums of his personal funds to support the family, athletic, community, and governmental activities that he so devoutly loved and supported; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his meritorious service to the Town of Oliver Springs, Mayor Kelley was a benefactor of the Norwood Boys Club; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Ed Kelley was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, coach, and public servant and a humble citizen of Oliver Springs and the Kingdom of God; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Oliver Springs has petitioned this body to name the segment of State Route 61/State Route 62 within the Town's corporate limits to honor his illustrious memory and to permanently commemorate Mayor Kelley's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 61/State Route 62 (Tri-County Boulevard) within the corporate limits of the Town of Oliver Springs, including the segment of such route that serves the Norwood schools and the Norwood Boys Club, is hereby designated the "Mayor Edwin L. Kelley Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an outstanding elected official and even more accomplished human being who has left behind an unmatched legacy of commitment to family, community, and public service.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 61/State Route 62 (Tri-County Boulevard) described in Section 1 as the "Mayor Edwin L. Kelley Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.